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GENERAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 28,1978

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1. EMBASSY COMMISSARY HAS PROVIDED US TWO COST  
ESTIMATES FOR RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT EMBASSY  
AUDITORIUM, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, CURRENT COMMISSARY  
PRICES, AND 100 OR MORE GUESTS. WE WOULD NOT BE CHARGED  
FOR USE OF AUDITORIUM.

2. THE "AVERAEE" 5 DOLLAR/PERSON RECEPTION (OR 2250  
DOLLARS FOR 450 GUESTS) INCLUDES A MIX OF HOT AND COLD  
HORS D'OEUVRES: HAM AND TURKEY, NUTS AND RAISINS, ROAST  
BEEF, VEGETABLES, QUICHES LORRAINE, ETC., AND IS  
SERVED WITH ORDINARY LIQUORS-- RED LABEL SCOTCH, JIM  
BEAM, ETC.

3. THE "DE LUXE" RECEPTION AVERAGES ABOUT 7 DOLLARS/  
PERSON (OR 3150 DOLLARS FOR 450 GUESTS), INCLUDES SAME  
FOOD LISTED ABOVE BUT "UPGRADED" WITH SALMON, FOIE GRAS,  
CAVIAR, ETC. LIQUOR WOULD ALSO BE UPGRADED TO CHIVAS  
REGAL AND JACK DANIELS BLACK, AND INCLUDE CHAMPAGNE.

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4. BOTH 5 AND 7 DOLLAR QUOTES ARE "ESTIMATES" BASED ON  
PAST EXPERIENCE. IN FACT, ACTUAL CHARGES ARE USUALLY  
FOR AMOUNTS CONSUMED, WITH A REFUND (OR NON-CHARGE) FOR  
NON-PERISHABLES WHICH CAN BE RETURNED TO COMMISSARY.  
THIS WOULD INCLUDE ONLY LIQUOR SINCE FOOD MUST BE  
PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR NUMBER OF GUESTS SPECIFIED BY

HOST. THEREFORE, ACTUAL COST OF RECEPTION MIGHT FLUCTUATE ON EITHER SIDE OF ESTIMATE DEPENDING UPON GUESTS' CONSUMPTION.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE TO CONTRACT WITH COMMISSARY FOR A FIXED AMOUNT (I.E. 3150 DOLLARS FOR 450 PEOPLE.) IF ACTUAL COST FALLS BELOW, COMMISSARY TAKES THE PROFIT, OR IF ABOVE, IT ABSORBS THE LOSS. COMMISSARY MANAGER (DOYLE) EXPLAINED THIS IS DONE FOR BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO ARE LIMITED TO A STRICT BUDGET, AND CANNOT DEVIATE FROM IT.

6. PERM DEL HAS NOT SOUGHT ESTIMATES ELSEWHERE, BUT WAS INFORMED BY DOYLE THAT RECEPTIONS OF SIMILAR QUALITY PRESENTED AT MAJOR HOTELS (HILTON, INTERCONTINENTAL, ETC.) GENERALLY COST ABOUT 100 FRANCS (ABOUT 23 DOLLARS) PER PERSON.

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